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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Program and  
Budget Authorization, 20 January 1978

25X1 1. ☐ A briefing on intelligence requirements, tasking and program  
capabilities was held in room H-405 of the Capitol on Friday, 20 January  
1978 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. ☐

25X1 ☐ A transcript was  
taken.

25X1 2. ☐ Present from the Subcommittee were:

Bill D. Burlison (D., Texas), Chairman  
J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.)

25X1 3. ☐ Present from the Committee was:

Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), Chairman

25X1 4. ☐ Present from the Committee staff for all or part of the  
briefing included:

Mike O'Neil  
Bernard Raimo  
Jim Bush  
Tom Latimer  
Pat Long

25X1 5. ☐ Present as witnesses from the Agency were:

25X1 Jim Taylor, Comptroller (sitting in for John F. Blake, A/DDCI)  
☐ AD-M/NFAC  
John McMahon, DDO

25X1 6. ☐ Present as observers from the Agency and Community were:

25X1 ☐ Deputy Legislative Counsel  
☐ Assistant Legislative Counsel  
☐ IC Staff

25X1 7. [ ] Following brief introductory remarks by Mr. Taylor, [ ]  
25X1 [ ] presented a briefing on intelligence production and analysis, and  
Mr. John McMahon discussed collection of intelligence by the Directorate  
of Operations. During the course of these presentations, the Agency  
witnesses responded to questions posed by the members of Congress present,  
and following the presentations there was a brief question and answer  
period.

25X1 8. [ ] By way of questions, Representative Burlison indicated particular  
25X1 interest in the following areas: levying of SIGINT requirements within the  
Intelligence Community; [ ]

25X1 [ ] amount of  
resources devoted to counterintelligence; the usefulness and utilization  
of information on Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines; particular program  
cryptonym designations; the role of the FBI in acquisition of narcotics  
information; the proposed NFAC/Review Panel; [ ]  
25X1 [ ] by the Agency; procedures, directives or regulations concerning  
use of the Contingency Reserve; and coordination of human collection activities  
abroad.

25X1 9. [ ] Representative Robinson indicated particular interest in the  
following areas: [ ]  
data on Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines; particular program cryptonym  
designations; the proposed NFAC/Review Panel; development of intelligence  
collection priorities; manpower figures for the Agency; numbers of agents  
and associated costs; and worldwide communications network support.

25X1 10. [ ] Representative Boland also indicated an interest in information  
concerning Soviet aircraft and aircraft engines, and in the use of that  
information. He also indicated an interest in the Agency's CA capability,  
the size of the CA staff, and use of the term "contingent capabilities,"  
and also queried the witnesses as to their overall evaluation of the Agency's  
activities and effectiveness.

25X1 11. [ ] Specific follow-up items include:


--evaluation of the information obtained by the Agency  
regarding the Soviet [ ] aircraft and  
engines;

--use of the information obtained by the Agency on the  
above-mentioned aircraft (Is the information on engine  
capabilities and performance provided to U.S. corporations?  
What is being done with this information?);

--provide to Representative Burlison applicable directives, regulations or other material regarding procedures governing Agency use of the Contingency Reserve; and

--provide to Representative Burlison details on covert action activities, capabilities and budgets (presumably this would be provided in the materials on the FY 79 budget presentation).

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